

# **Troy Civic Center Priority Task Force**

**Report to  
Troy City Council**

# Background

- **Troy Futures Community Report - 1992**
  - Community Task Force
- **Troy City Center Briefing Book - 1997**
  - Gensler, Palladia, Beebe, OTHTF
- **Troy City Center Preliminary Master Plan - 1997**
  - Gensler, Palladia, Beebe, OTHTF
- **Troy Civic Center Master Planning - 2000**
  - Rosetti Associates
- **Civic Center Master Plan Draft Concept - 2000**
  - Troy City Planning Commission

# Background

The common elements in all the reports were an improved Community Center and walking paths.

The Community Center requirement has been met.

# Members of the CCPTF

- Mary Ann Bernardi
- Leonard Bertin
- Jeff Biegler
- Ryan Deel
- Catherine Herzog
- Michele Hodges
- Tom Krent
- Mark Maxwell
- David Ogg
- Ann Partlan
- Carol Price
- Walter Storrs
- Brian Wattles

# Goals Set by the CCPTF

- Increase the residential and business utilization of the Civic Center.
- Develop park and campus setting.
- Immediate implementation with a long-term growth path.

# Amenity Selection

- Review of previous wish lists
- Group bus tour of the site
- Round table brainstorming
- Input from the community
- Group selection of most popular items

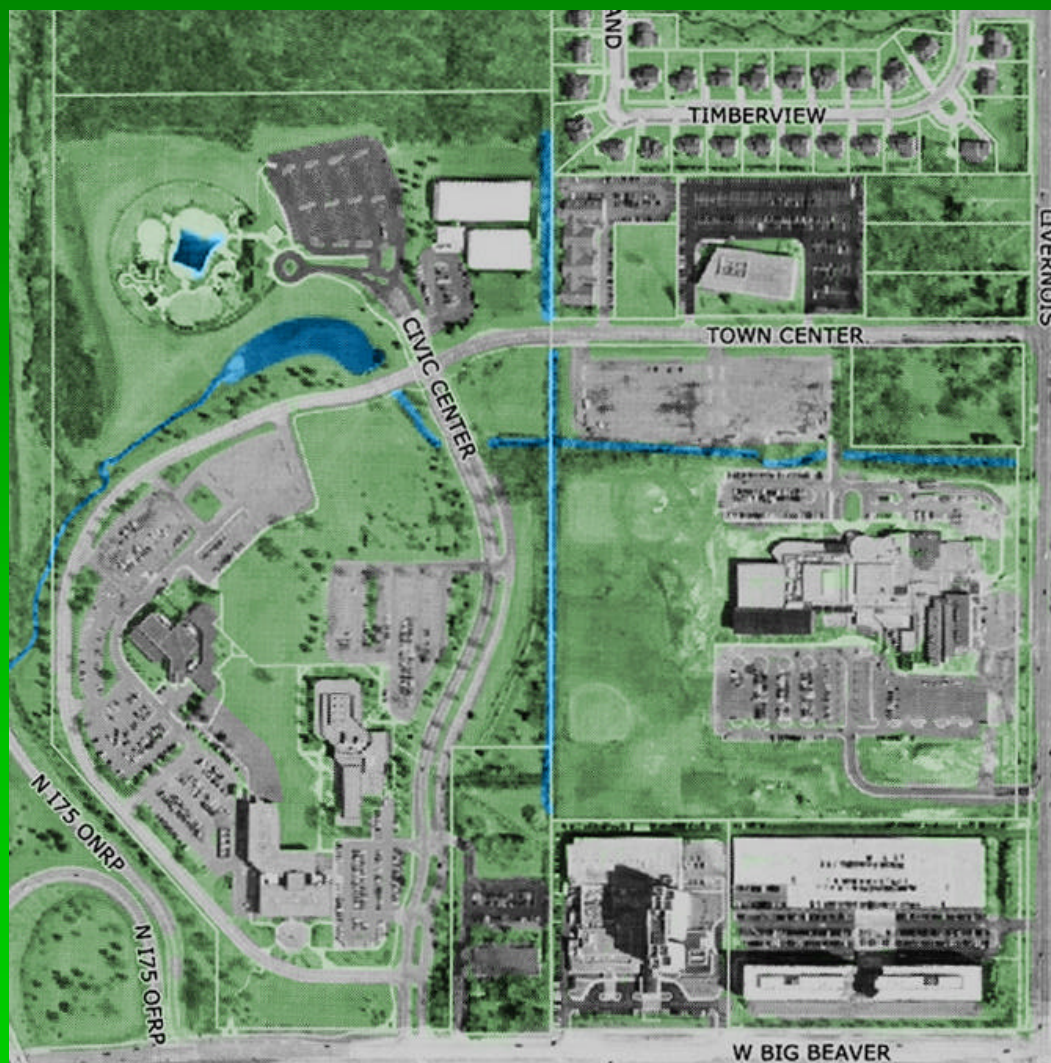
# Prioritization

- First definition of priority based on desirability of element, not cost.
- Second definition of priority based on feasibility.

# The Amenities



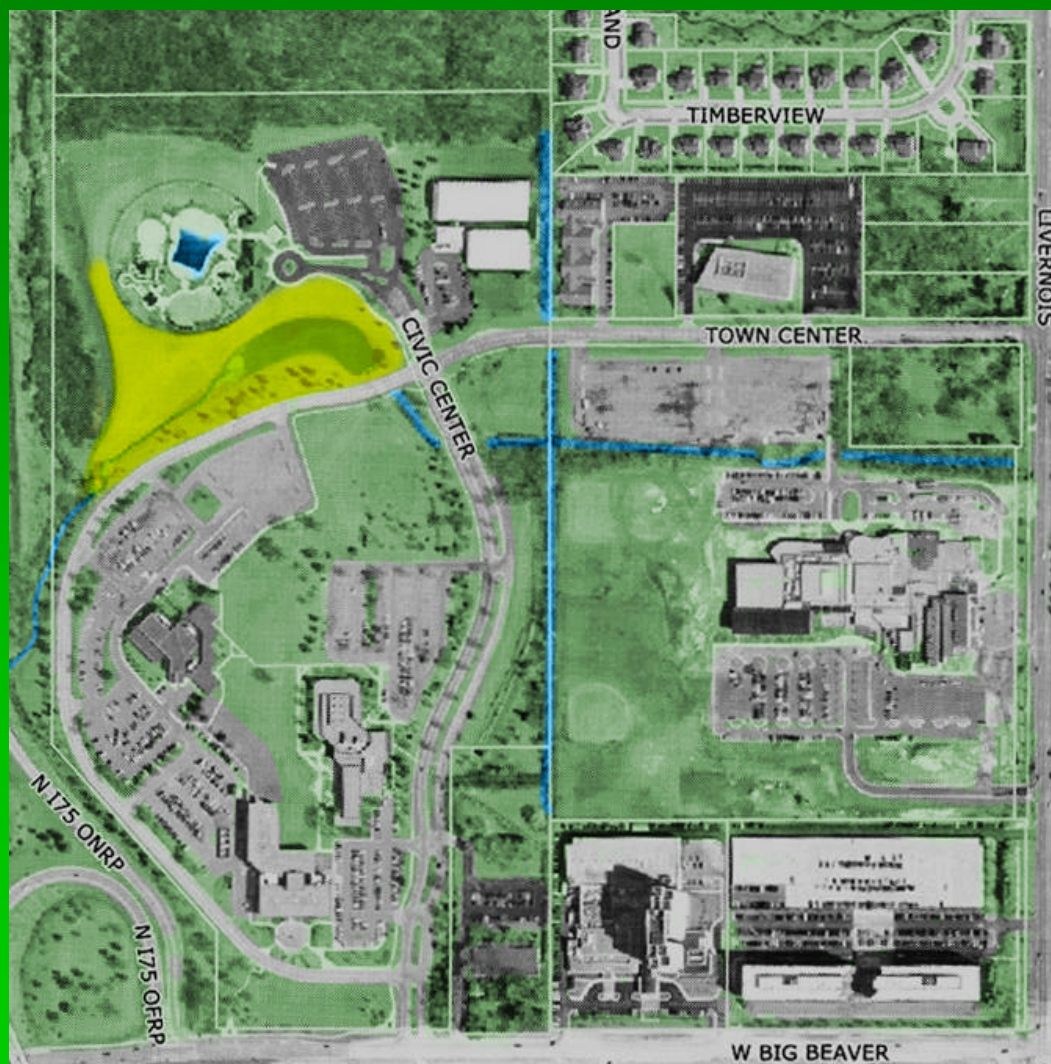
# The Site



# Winter Activity Area

- The existing slopes of the aquatic center provide a sliding area for smaller children.
- Expanding the existing pond would provide an open natural ice skating facility like an old pond type rink.
- The Aquatic Center area can provide for services like warming, food, rest rooms and parking.

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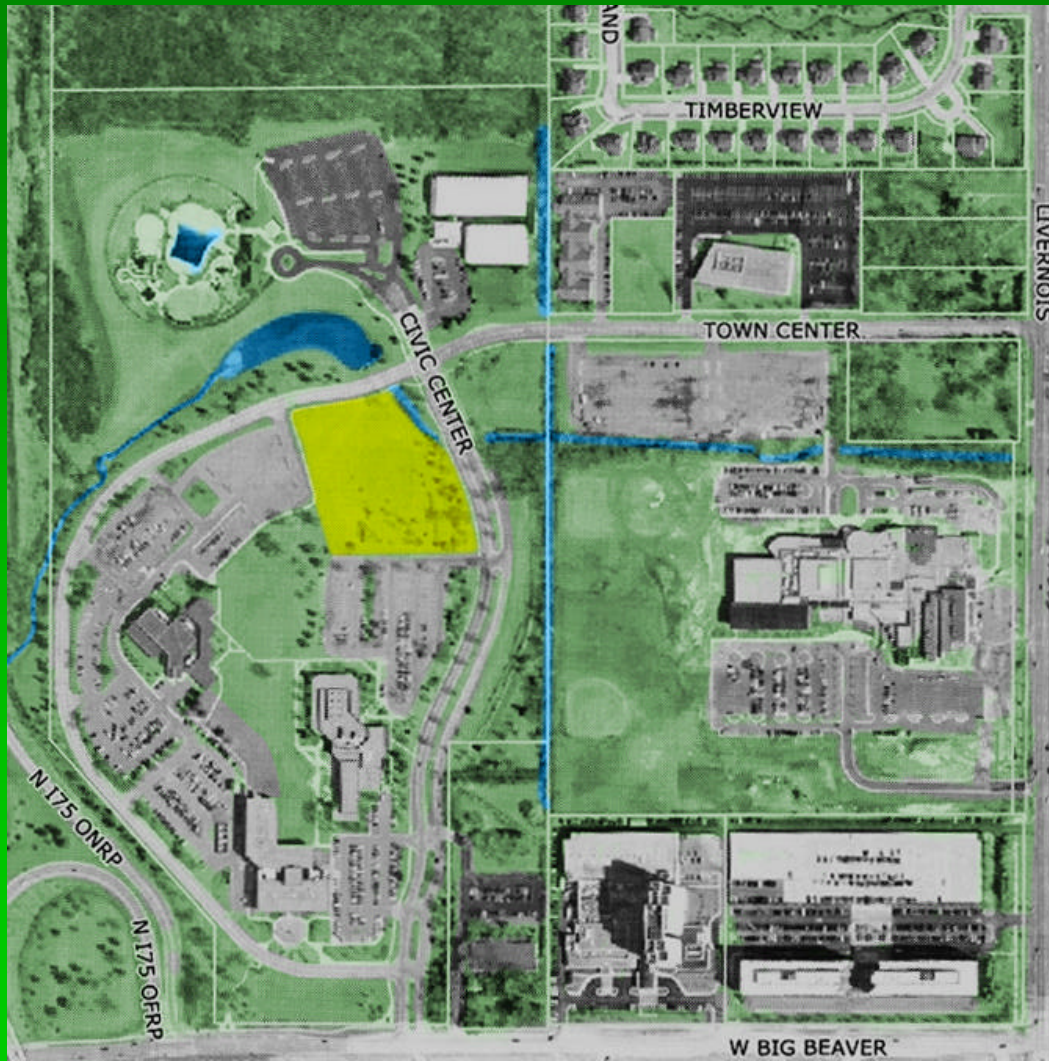
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# Amphitheater

- Emphasis on open natural green space.
- A natural site at the southwest corner of Town Center and Civic Center Drives.
- Parking is available.
- Natural security barrier behind stage.
- Directs noise away from the residential areas.

# Amphitheater





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# Hedge Maze



**Shrubbery maze to  
compliment the  
Reflective Head  
sculpture theme of  
Labyrinth of the Mind.**

**Would appeal to  
children of all ages.**



# Maze by Reflective Head Sculptor



Designer – Michael Ayrton, Arkville, New York

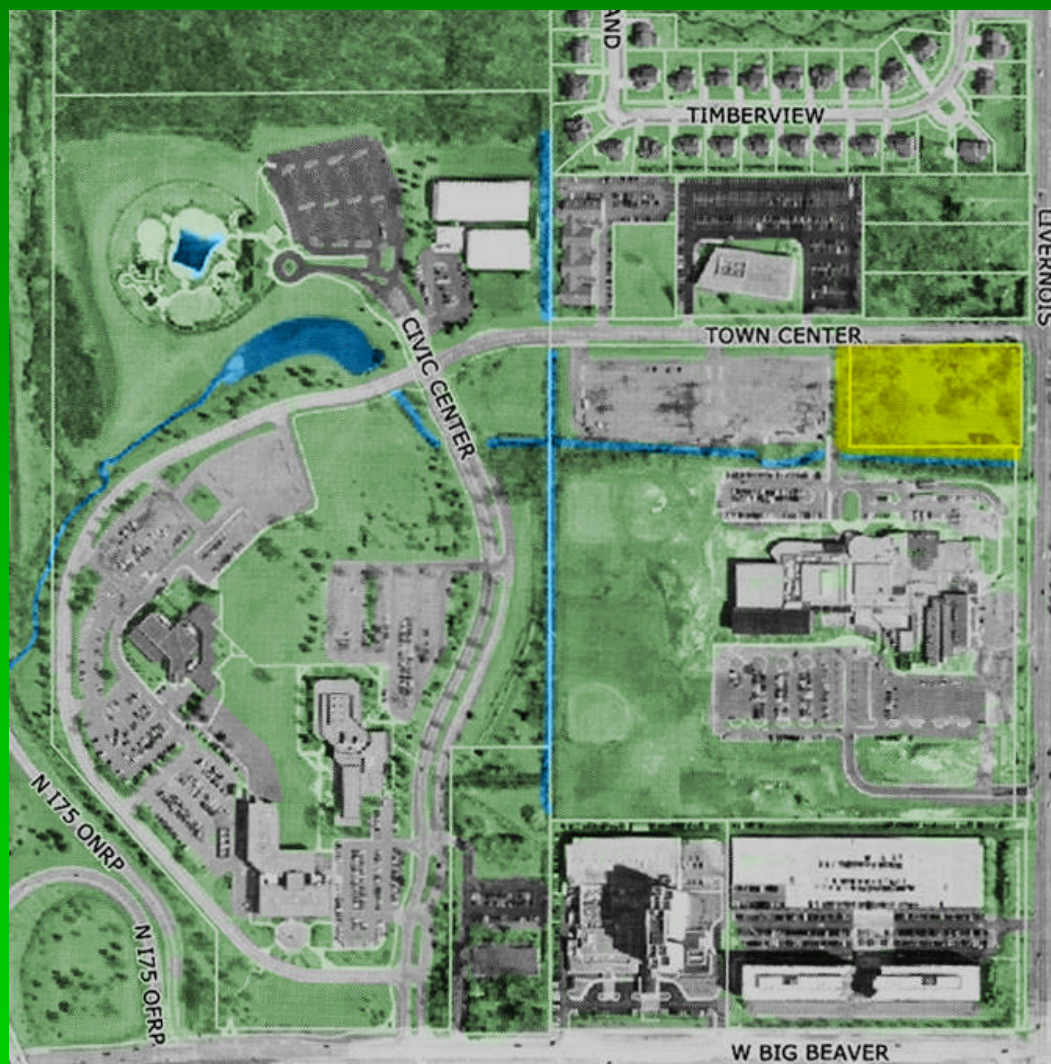
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# Enhanced Gardens





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- Utilize the former residential section.
- Encourage community involvement in planning and development.
- Provide a place for the small children accompanying the “Skate Board Parents”.
- Possible location of rest room and food vendor to serve the Skate Park.
- Bring water element into the garden with paths and waterfall.

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# Town Center Drive Greenbelt



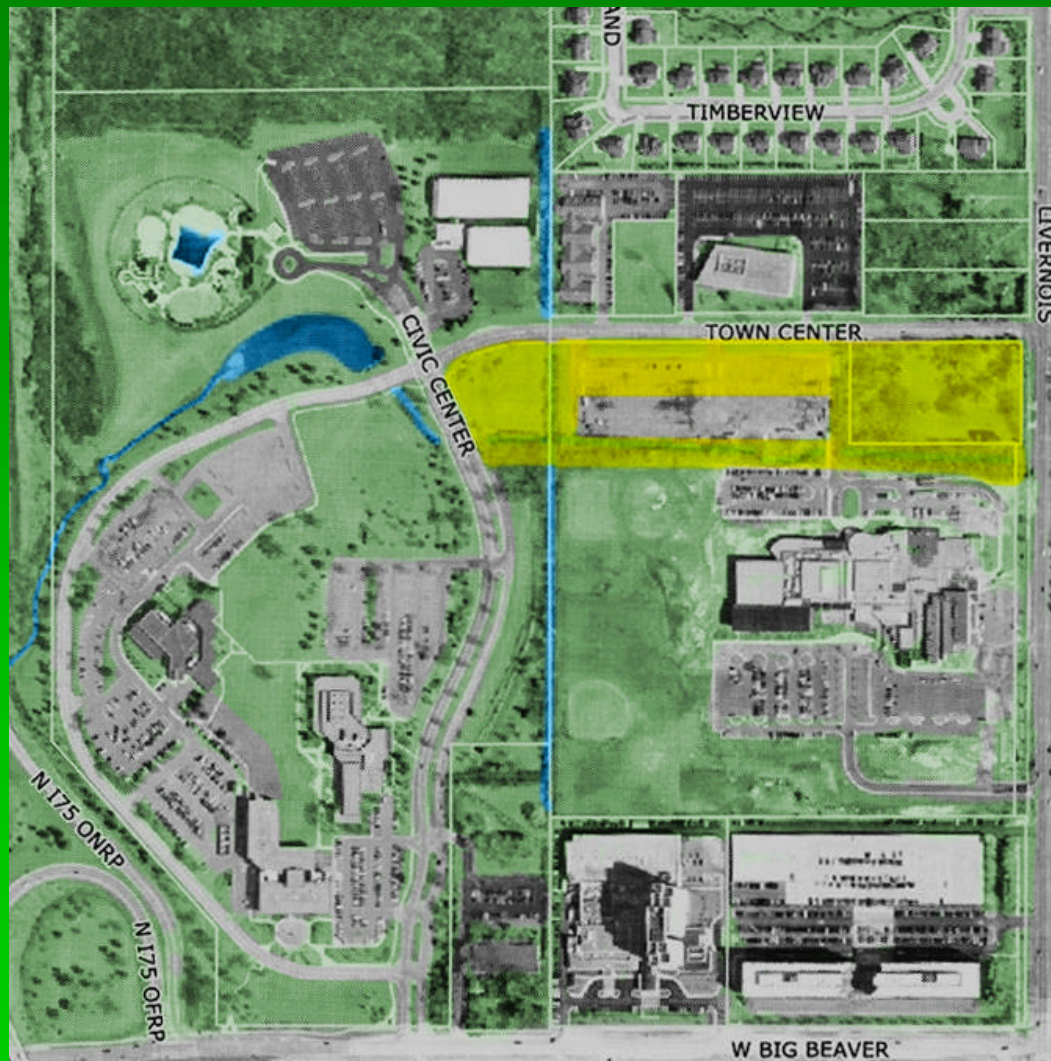
Reduce the size of the “Old Troy High” parking lot to provide a continuous green belt from Livernois to Civic Center Drive.

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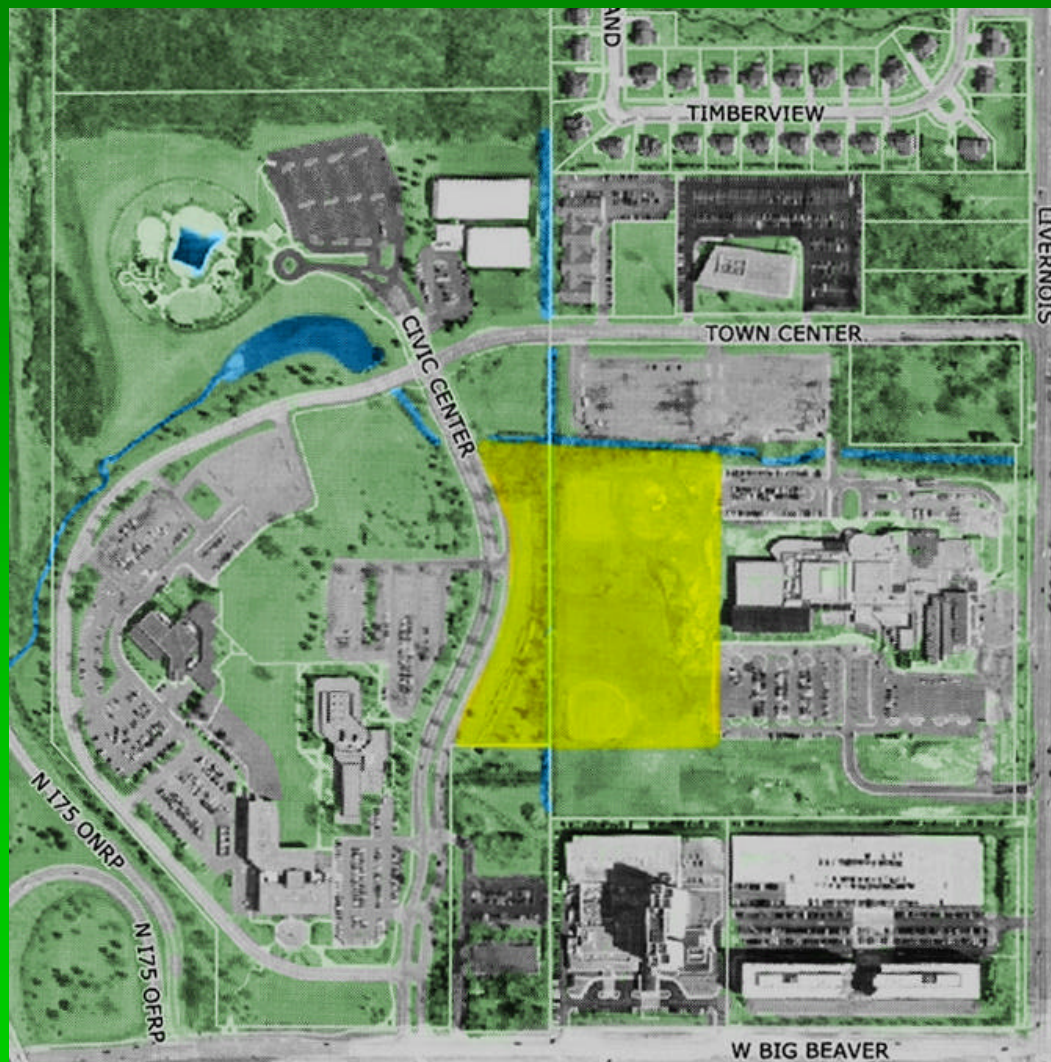


# Fountain Plaza

- Open air gathering place.
  - “Meet me at the fountain.”
- Place for festivals and events.
- Fountain is to be a focal point, rather than a children’s play area.
- Seating and eating opportunities.



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Open air gaming tables as  
in Central Park, NYC.

# Paths and Walkways

- Number one priority on everyone's list
- At least two purposes
  - Utility to move from place to place
  - Casual walkways for fitness and pleasure
- Difficult to place until amenity locations are finalized
- Must include seating and signage



# Paths and Walkways



Ring Road area offers possible connection to Huber Park paths, hill climb at Aquatic Center and a place for permanent public art.

# Paths and Walkways

- Prune overgrowth along the creeks and install paths along the run.
- Path could run from Livernois to Civic Center Drive and then south to Library.
- Provide a fitness connection path from the Community Center to Huber Park paths.

# Paths and Walkways



**Multiple bridges to cross the creeks.**

**Seating places on or near bridges.**

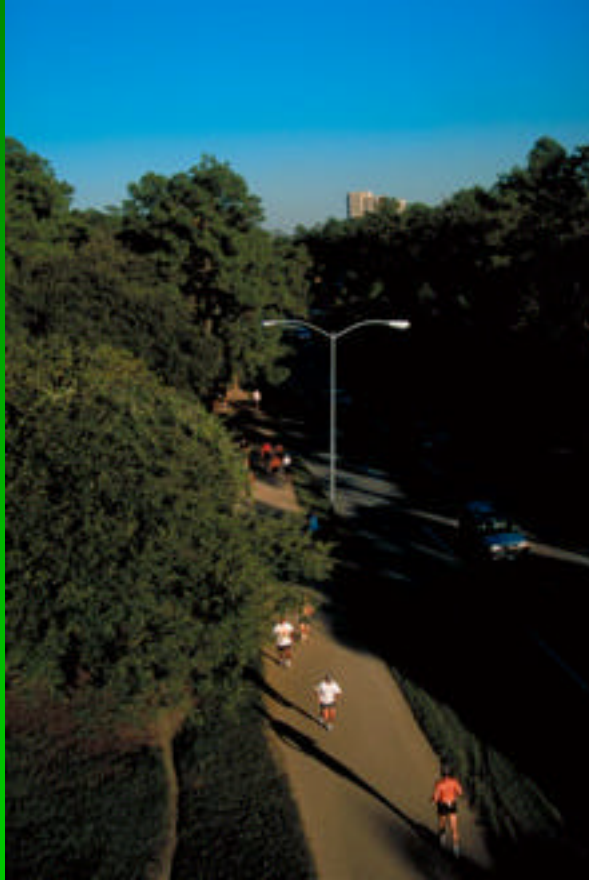
**Option to cover the bridges as an improvement.**



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# Public Art



# Road Changes

- Close a portion of Civic Center Drive from the north end of the Library parking lot to Town Center Drive.
  - **This will allow a continuous community campus from the amphitheater to the Community Center.**
- Improve Town Center Drive
  - **Boulevard for traffic and pedestrian safety and enhanced appearance.**
  - **Lighting, landscaping, etc. to improve appearance.**
  - **Provide gateway entrances at Livernois and Big Beaver.**

# Road Changes





# Site Evolution

All the amenity elements should have the potential for enhancement and improvement.

# The Amenities

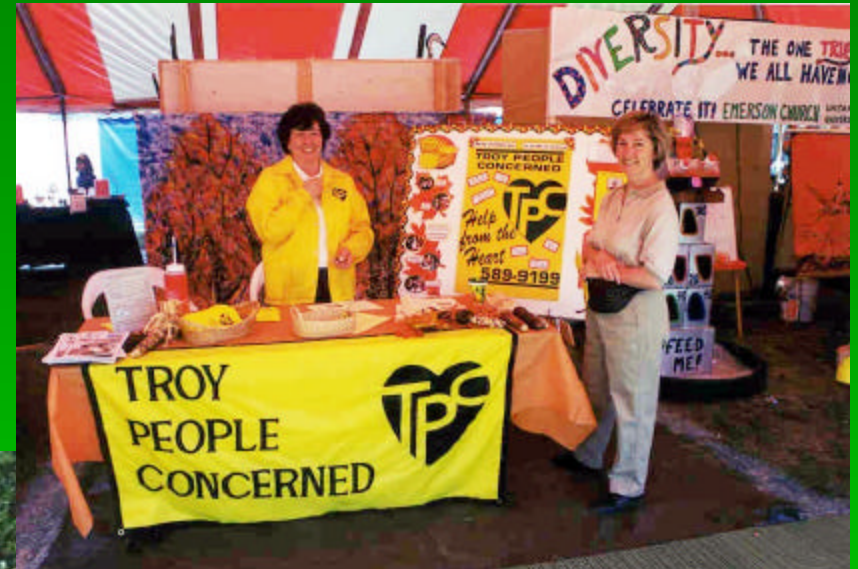


# Programming

- If you just build it, they will not come.
- Amphitheater and Plaza will offer great opportunity to program for the community.
  - Open air concerts.
  - Family and children's movies.
  - Youth-friendly events.
  - Community theater.
  - Festivals, art, ethnic, and community events.



# Festivals and Events



# Ethnic Festivals





# Continue the Process

Create Civic Center Advisory Board to maintain the process and ideas developed by the Civic Center Priority Task Force.

- Board to watch over evolution of the site and to be caretakers of this legacy development and advise City Council before any action takes place.
- This board should be comprised of members representing a complete cross-section of the community.
- Coordinate on-going citizen volunteer efforts for the enhanced gardens, pathways and other amenity elements.

# City Council Action

- Accept and approve the CCPTF plan as the official Troy Civic Center plan and direct staff to begin development of the amenities as suggested by the plan.

# Members of the CCPTF

- **Mary Ann Bernardi**
  - Troy Citizens United
- **Leonard Bertin**
  - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
- **Jeff Biegler**
  - Superintendent of Parks
- **Ryan Deel**
  - Traffic Committee
- **Catherine Herzog**
  - Troy Youth Council
- **Michele Hodges – CCPTF Vice Chair**
  - Troy Shareholders
- **Tom Krent**
  - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

# Members of the CCPTF

- **Mark Maxwell**
  - Board of Zoning Appeals
- **David Ogg**
  - Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens
- **Ann Partlan**
  - Historic District Commission
- **Carol Price**
  - Downtown Development Authority
- **Walter Storrs**
  - Planning Commission
- **Brian Wattles – CCPTF Chairman**
  - Historical Commission

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